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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/517,874	<b>Applicant(s)</b> CHEN ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Sabiha Qazi, Ph.D. (Examiner). (3) \_\_\_\_.

(2) Patrick Higgins (Attorney). (4) \_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 19 February 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic    b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant    2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes    e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached.    g) ☒ was not reached.    h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Higgins called to discuss the rejections on record. Rejections were discussed in detail and examiner had explained the issues of obviousness rejection and written description rejection. Rejections are maintained because prior does teach the salt and it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to prepare such salts at the time the invention was filed. Applicants may consider amending the claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Sabiha Qazi/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1612	
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